

CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1.
"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE AWFUL WAR SEEMS NEAR

But We Cannot Fight In Carnal Warfare When Jesus Taught Differently.

The Church Must Shine and Bless Humanity, Regardless of The World War.

It may be that war will have been declared between the United States of America and Germany before this message reaches its readers. But I am sure many prayers are being offered up just now for our rulers and those in authority that we may be kept at peace and have the privilege of living a peaceable and quiet life. 1 Tim. 2:1,2.

But in spite of all the prayers and good desires for peace and good will to men, the inevitable seems about to burst in upon our nation with all its horrors and slaughter. Excitement and the spirit of patriotism is rising and running at a pretty high tide. Nobody knows what the final outcome will be.

War is butchery and contrary to the spirit of Christianity. We, as a nation, make a boast of being a Christian nation, but how little the spirit of Christianity prevails. We are a boastful, proud nation, running to many excesses, and spending much of our time in mere play. In order for God to answer the many prayers that are constantly ascending the hill of the Lord, He will have to bring about a state of humility that does not now exist, and how do we know but what this is to be accomplished, by passing us over into the power of Satan for the destruction of our pride and haughtiness. 1 Cor. 5:5.

While the awful war seems near, the saints of God should still remember that they are not of this world even as their Lord was not of the world. John 17:16. Our citizenship is not here, but in heaven. Phil. 3:20. Jesus said if His kingdom was of this world His servants would fight, but as it was not, there would be no fighting for the mastery. Jno. 18:36. Therefore He was delivered over to His enemies and slain by them because He would not fight.

Here is an example for us. If our Lord could submit to His enemies and be imposed upon by them rather than fight, where is the authority for us to flee to arms and engage in the wholesale slaughter of our enemies because they are trampling upon our rights?

Indeed we love our country, and hope for peace and prosperity, but to level our guns and mow down our enemies like grass and hasten their souls to hell is not the spirit of our Master. And we are to follow Him. He is our example and we must follow in His steps. 1 Peter 1:21. We are not cowards, but we want to follow the example and teaching of our Lord. If He joined the army and fought for His country then we should do likewise. But as He did not do this, we can not.

Yes, the awful war seems near, but we cannot fight in carnal warfare when Jesus taught differently, both by precept and example. We might go on the battlefield and care for the wounded and dying, and lend our assistance in the hospitals, and preach to the soldiers, but we cannot take a gun and kill and mangle our enemies, when Jesus commands us to love them and do them good instead of evil. Mat. 5:44.

No doubt many of the saints of God are perplexed about the war problem. They are wondering what is right for them to do in case war is declared. Then they look still farther on and wonder what they should do in case the war becomes so fierce and far-reaching that they will be forced into the service against their will. We have but one way to determine our course. What would Jesus do? Ask ourselves this question and study the life and character of our blessed Jesus and apply it to ourselves and the problem is solved. I cannot dictate to

any one in detail. Matters of great moment will have to be decided by the individual on the spur of the moment. The instructions of Jesus that were given to follow in case of being brought before magistrates and officers will be safe to follow in such cases: "And when they shall bring you *** unto magistrates, and powers, take no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: For the Holy Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say." Luke 12:11,12. Every child of God needs to get so close to God and live so in His presence that he can have the assistance of the Holy Ghost in these perilous times.

There is one thing sure, we cannot fight, but just how or what to do when the crisis comes to the individual will have to be determined at the moment. But as it is the duty of the Holy Ghost to help us at such extreme moments, I fully believe He will stand by us and lend us the necessary help. I am sure He will not forsake us at such a time if we live to please him until that particular moment.

There never has been a time when it was more necessary for God's people to live close to Him than now. There have been times of greater persecution than now, but now is the time for us to live in constant expectancy of our Lord's return to redeem us from awful tribulations that it seems are almost ready to burst forth with all the hellish fury of his satanic majesty. The coming of the Lord is drawing nigh; and this is an epoch the world has never known.

While the awful war is raging, and the nations are vieing with each other and engaging in the wholesale slaughter of men, the church must shine and bless humanity regardless of the world war. As members of His church, this is our duty and glorious privilege. And we must bless people of other nations as well as our own. There can be no respecter of persons with us. Help one as well as another when opportunity affords was the spirit of Him who wore the seamless coat. "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men," says

Paul. Gal. 6:10.
I love for people to become enthused when their enthusiasm and energy can be spent in the right manner. But the saints of God have no surplus enthusiasm and energy to spend in fighting Germany. We need to use all of such that we have, to spread the glorious gospel in to all the world to tell them of good things that can be obtained through our Christ.

I warn our people against enthusiasm and excitement over the war. This is a time for us to keep cool and continue in our efforts to evangelize the world. If there are any advantages to be gained in this respect by the awful world war, then we must utilize them and make progress while others may be giving their attention more to the war. If others who profess religion want to give their time and attention to the war, let them go, but we should bend all our energies to the one thing undivided.

The secular newspapers are full of the spirit of the world and calculated to inflame the minds of the American people with patriotic zeal. If war is declared public speakers will soon be infesting our country to enthuse the war spirit into our young men to induce them to volunteer to fight for their country, but we must guard against such things as much as possible on account of our religion. We have already enlisted to fight in a spiritual warfare for our Great General and Chief Executive and we must not betray our trust.

We cannot afford to forsake the work of the Lord to display our patriotic zeal and bravery in a war against people for whom Christ died the same as He did for us. While others may do this, we cannot. Our young men need to spend their energy and strength in planting the gospel among the Germans rather than killing them and thus sending their souls to hell. We may not be able to take the gospel to Germany just now, but we can go elsewhere and we trust the time will come before long when we can plant the Church of God on German soil.

I admit that there will be awful wars and blood shed,

and so much that blood will flow down the valleys like rivers, but no where does the Scripture show that the saints of God shall engage in this awful carnage. The Lord is to fight our battles for us while we spread the glorious gospel of love and cheer to the benighted and darkened souls of men and women of earth.

The CHURCH MUST SHINE AND BLESS HUMANITY regardless of the world war. Now is the time for the "black woman" of Solomon's Song to keep and prune the vineyards of others in almost absolute forgetfulness of self interests. Solomon's Song 1:5, 6. Now is the time for the daughter to forget her own people and abandon herself to the service of the king. Psalm 45:10. Now is the time for the preparation for the great day of the Lord. The signs are so plain that we need not be in darkness nor in doubt about the time in which we are living.

When we know of this and how the time is so short, we cannot afford to idle away our moments by taking an active hand in the world war, nor spend our strength and energies in that kind of service when we should spend and be spent for God and His beautiful Church. This is the time for the church to come forth by leaps and bounds and make herself felt in this dark world. She has been hidden for ages, but now she must come forth, assert and show her power, and shine. "Arise, shine for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee," (Isa. 6:1) means the Church of God. It means the Church of God now. Then as we are members and loyal to His service we can have a part in this wonderful blessedness.

Come on beloved, let us go into the battle in which we are engaged with a little more zeal, enthusiasm, and courage than ever, and continue the work God has given us to do, even if our country is enthralled with war.

Notice.

Horace Kilgore wishes to state that the mission money placed to his credit in the Assembly minutes, should be credited to the church at Largo, Fla., instead of himself.

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Do You Lack Wisdom?

John Q. Myers

It is generally thought by the world, and by many of the denominations, that a person filled with the Holy Ghost, should never make a blunder, or need any improvement in any way.

The Holy Ghost was given for a teacher, a guide and a comforter; as well as to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness and of the judgment. True, HE never makes mistakes; and when one is continually making blunders, it is evident that he lacks wisdom, and has failed to let the Holy Ghost guide him. The Holy Ghost never leads until self is out; He needs no help in planning His operations.

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." (1 Cor. 12:7). Now, we should let the Spirit operate through us according to His good will, but be careful to have an attentive ear to His voice. One blunder in handling fire, or other signs that follow God's people, might cause shipwreck of a weaker brother, as well as repulsing those on the outside. The Holy Ghost does things in a way that convinces people who are present.

Our conversation has a great deal to do with our influence over others. Talking about foolish and ungodly things, brawling about everything we see and hear, spending our opinions of people, and carrying just a little of the devil's news, will quickly destroy all of our good; and our influence over the

people will be gone. In this, we not only bring reproach upon ourselves, but upon the CAUSE OF CHRIST. Do you lack wisdom along this line? Where is your conversation?

It is not always wise to speak of such things the Lord has shown us; sometimes our imaginative powers are marvelous. If the Lord does show us things, there will be time enough to tell it when it comes to pass, if it is necessary to mention the matter. If the Lord gives you a special revelation of there being a few hypocrites among us, just keep quiet a while; He will probably tell somebody else too, since He has no respect of persons. "Let not then your good be evil spoken of." (Rom. 4:16).

God does not upbraid His children because of their lack of wisdom, but He does expect us to walk honestly and uprightly before all men, that they may be confounded, and not disgusted with our foolishness. "If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit." (Gal. 5:23).

True, there have always been weak ones, but God demands that they desire the "sincere milk of the Word." He demands that they avoid the very APPEARANCE of evil.

How humiliating it is for the world to hurl in our face such an expression as this: "Why; Mr. (or Mrs.)— does this, or that, and they claim to have the Holy Ghost; how can they live as they do?"

Well, for a while we can excuse them with the plea of ignorance, telling them that the Holy Ghost will teach them better; but we can not satisfy them with this explanation always. They are expected to learn; and if they don't they will become a reproach to the cause of Christ, and a stumbling-block to sinners.

Oh, let us come out from our weak, puny ways, and be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might "Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand the fiery darts of the wicked one."

God has promised wisdom to all who ask Him, and there is no excuse for remaining ignorant. Let us pray for wisdom.

"Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truths, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day long." (Ps. 25:4,5).

Anclote, Fla.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am praising God for saving me from my sins, and for giving me, and my wife, the Holy Ghost, with the evidence of speaking with other tongues as the spirit gave utterance.

In the Acts 2:39, we find that Peter says: "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call." I am so glad He sent the message to Anclote, and called me. Glory to God!

I praise the Lord for His healing power. When I found Jesus, I had a terrible case of indigestion; but He healed me, and I'm well.

We have a little church here, and God surely does bless us. We have a great deal of opposition with which to contend; but Jesus has promised never to leave us, nor forsake us.

Just a few nights ago, at one of our meetings, the power fell on a little boy about twelve years of age, and he leaped, jumped and shouted all around. His mother was a Campbellite, but God had shown her the light, and she was at the altar at the time.

Please pray for us that we may ever be true; that we may have grace enough to overcome everything that is not right in the sight of God. Let us pray much for the lost people who are blinded by false doctrines.

Your brother in Christ,
Geo. W. Johns.

Hernando, Fla.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and Friends:

I am so glad Jesus has shown me the straight and narrow way. Though I've not received the Holy Ghost, I do earnestly desire to have the fullness of the blessing.

We have not had the privilege of being with the saints for more than a year. How we long to get into a good meeting again!

My mother has received the Holy Ghost and seems so happy. Pray for me and my brother and two sisters.

Your sister in Jesus,
Lena Lewis.

Manatee, Fla.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I am delighted in this good way. One day the Lord saved me, and I knew it; later, He sanctified me and I knew that; when the Comforter came, there was no possibility of my being mistaken, for He spoke in other languages.

I have suffered severely

in body since I received the Holy Ghost, but I did not bring but apply the fifth chapter of James, and I was healed.

I praise the Lord for the fire that is burning in my soul.

Your sister in Christ,
Mabel McDaid.

Mt. Vernon, Ind.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

Last Sunday night twenty-eight members were added to the church at Evansville, Ind., and three of them were Pentecostal preachers.

I felt that the Lord would have me come to Mt. Vernon, where I established a work about one year before I came into the church. At that time several were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost, and last night I set the church in order with seventeen members. We are expecting others to come in tonight. Since I have been here this time, two have been saved and two sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I expected to hold a meeting, but as there is no probability of renting a hall at this time because of the lack of means, I may go to Bamps Creek for a meeting, and possibly by that time the Church will have sufficient funds to rent a hall and hold it permanently.

Bro. Woods has been pastor here, and he is a good man.

I am expecting the Lord to do great things this year Praise Him!

Please pray for me, and for the work here.

Your brother in Christ,
Herbert Martin.

Millport, Ala.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

We are a little flock without a shepherd. How we do need a pastor.

God has some faithful children here, but the enemy has been trying to overcome them.

Bro. and Sister Newman were with us last Sunday. Sister Newman preached a wonderful sermon, and the people certainly appreciated it.

We are so anxious for some one to come and help us, for we are starving for the gospel.

I praise God for the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence.

Lunie Howard.

Notice!

If anybody knows of a second-hand gospel tent, and will let me know, I will compensate for your trouble.

S. C. Johnson,
Canton, N. C.

Further Receipts for Mission

Sunday sch., Crab Orchard, Tenn.	\$ 1 50
Church, Tampa, Fla.	14 00
“ Hellcon, Ala.	2 30
Alice Kinsey, Berryton, Ga.	5 00
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Mrs. S. M. Howard, Okley, O.	1 00
Mamie Tanner, Dora, Ala.	50
Climie Lawson “	50
Mary Ransone, Ft. Meyers, Fla.	1 00
W. E. Davis, Sipsey, Ala.	1 00
Mrs. Josie Norris, Tampa, Fla.	50
Vesta Gaines, Summerville, Ga.	1 00
Church, Cleveland, Tenn.	11 76
“ Harriman, Tenn.	10 00
“ Louisville, Ky.	2 00
J. W. S. Carrell, Alabama City	15 00
Church, Dividing Ridge, Tenn.	4 00
“ Crane Eater, Ga.	2 00
T. A. Tarpley, Mascot, Tenn.	25
Church, Piedmont, Ala.	1 00
“ Atlanta, Ga.	3 50
“ Dora, Ala.	3 00
“ Ridgedale, Tenn.	5 00
“ Blanche, Ky.	2 31
“ Linden, Fla.	1 50
“ Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.	1 45
“ Friendship, Miss.	5 00
Sunday School, Fargo, Ga.	2 50
Church, Gunton Park, Va.	60
Friend, New Hope, Ala.	50
Church, Morristown, Tenn.	2 05
“ Providence, Tenn.	2 00
“ Armuchee, Ga.	1 30
“ High Point, N. C.	2 25
E. W. Anderson, Fork Ridge, T.	1 00
Sunday school, Empire, Ala.	4 00
Church, Perry, Fla.	3 50
“ Gastonia, N. C.	9 35
“ Southside, Tenn.	1 10
“ Branford, Fla.	4 00
“ Spring Place, Ga.	2 15
“ Cleveland, Fla.	4 45
Sunday school, R. 1, Lithia, Fla.	6 08
Church, Largo, Fla.	16 40
“ Ft. Myers, Fla.	10 00
Mrs. Julia Heard, Collinsville, Al.	1 00
Church, Walhalla, S. C.	1 55
“ Campaign, Tenn.	3 00
“ McMinnville, Tenn.	2 69
“ Monarat, Va.	10
J. S. Marcum, Tuscaloosa, Ala.	5 00
Martha J. Marcum, Tuscaloosa	1 00
Church, W. H. Ridgeway's Ala	2 60
“ Augusta, Ga.	2 65
“ Arcadia, Fla.	1 50
Sunday school, Arcadia, Fla.	1 25
Church, Chicora, Fla.	8 50
“ Bamps Creek, Ill.	5 00
“ Canton, N. C.	1 10
Mary D. McHargue, McCall, S.C.	1 00
Church, Sobel, Tenn.	2 00
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Florida State Assembly

Postponed!

Will not meet in Tampa April 3-8. If we decide to hold it later, notice will be in the Evangel in good time.

Sam C. Perry.

The above notice came to the office after we had the notice of the Assembly printed in another column. This note will explain the contradiction.—Ed.

Birchwood, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I have been reading the Evangel for some time, and appreciate it above all other papers. I have never expressed to you my appreciation of the paper, so I thought I would just like to say that I think it is a blessing to every home it enters.

I am blessedly saved and sanctified, and the Lord is our healer, or else we have none.

Please pray for me. I desire the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

R. Braddom.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

**Keep Your Lamp Trimmed and Burning
For The Time Draweth Nigh**

Sam C. Perry.

The days of the Lord's preparation are on. God is moving among the nations of today. Prophecy is being fulfilled with great rapidity. Truths long hidden are coming to light. Conditions are changing everywhere, in political, religious, financial, social and commercial circles. It is evident that a new order of things is coming. The world will never settle back to its former condition. A new order of things is ahead; the transformation of things is now on; a new age dawndeth.

Men are making much of patriotism, loyalty to the flags of earth. They are giving their lives for a cause that cannot reach beyond the grave. Surely God allows the rage of war that punishment may come upon men who have disregarded His laws and trampled truth under their feet. But satan is the inventor and god of war.

Judgment is God's "strange act." It is not pleasant to Him. He would rather that all would come to Him and have life. Every one must reap what he sows. This is true of nations as well. God gives every one, both individuals and nations, the very best He can, considering their condition, their attitude toward Him, their treatment of His demands upon them. Guilt calls for punishment. Seeking His mercy alone can evade it. Rewards or punishment are in accord with the nature of the individual. Rewards could not come to those who have no nature or disposition to receive them. Heaven would be hell to those who are out of accord with its nature.

The nations are reaping today for what they have sowed. God cannot wink at infidelity, love of money, lust, love of ease and pleasures, while His laws are being trampled under foot, His name blasphemed and His will disregarded.

National disasters have been from the earliest of God's dealings with nations. They are the strokes of his wrath for their sins. When the cup of their iniquity is full, the wrath of God, in some form or other, breaks forth upon them, and in some cases to the overthrow of a nation. Many individuals who were innocent of the evils that brought down God's wrath have from time

to time suffered with the guilty, partly because of their associations with the guilty, and there is a measure, too, of suffering to be shared even by God's own elect, because that we live in a fallen world. Even the holiest cannot go through without some suffering. This is permitted by the Lord for our good in some way which His all-wise providence can see is for our spiritual welfare, and so in the Judgment of the last days, that must come, after which the Kingdom, the new age comes.

But God will make a way of escape for His own. Our highest purpose then should be to live in His favor. Partake of none of the evils around us. Allow none of the spirit of the world to possess our heart. Let others do as they may, but remember the voice from heaven which said, "come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues." Rev. 18:4. If this time has not come, it seems to be near at hand those who would be ready to escape the worst and stand before the Son of Man must stand apart, keep free from the spirit of Babylon, for truly the time seems near at hand. While the world is getting ready for its darkest night (though they are looking for a better age), God's children are preparing for the glorification and the coming Kingdom.

We are in the time of the end of this age. Many of the very best of God's servants feel so. "None of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand." It would seem from all indications we might expect the coming of the Lord any day. If according to Luke 21:36, they are "to escape all these things that shall come to pass" and "stand before the Son of Man," how soon then must the "escaping" be? And yet we are to watch and wait until the time is come, continuing to give forth the message of His coming, withal keeping our lamps trimmed and burning; day and night; for when He comes it will be suddenly as a thief in the night. "Therefore be ye also ready."

Belmont, N. C.

Dear Editor and Readers:

I once wrote a letter to the Evangel asking the saints to

pray that I might receive the blessings which I knew were for me. I am so glad to say that God has heard prayer, and has saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

You want to know how the change in my life came about? Well, I hardly know how to tell you, for—

"How I came to love these pilgrims,

Is to me a great surprise;
And the way the Lord has led me

Is a wonder in my eyes.
Oh, I never thought I'd be one;

But I'm happy now to say,
That altho' I used to hate them,

I am one of them today."

I once thought the saints were crazy, as they would dance over the house and shake their hands. I have been to meetings where the power would fall in such a way that I couldn't stand it, and would get up and leave; but now I can hardly stay at the services long enough, for God certainly does bless my soul.

I tried to live right once before, but as I read the Bible I realized that I was not living up to the standard, so I just gave it up and quit making any effort at all for about one year. But I attended a prayer meeting on Feb. 4, and the Lord graciously saved my soul; then I went to Gastonia and came in contact with another prayer meeting, and was blessedly sanctified.

When I was first converted, I used tobacco, but the Lord showed me it was a filthy habit, and as I prayed to him for help, he delivered me from the awful appetite.

Friends, we cannot serve God and mammon. We must turn the world loose and put on the whole armor of God, that we may be able to stand in the evil day.

I praise the Lord for so wonderfully manifesting His power in this place.

Pray for us.

Your brother,
C. F. McCorn.

Wimauma, Fla.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I am glad to be able to report victory through the Blood of Jesus. God so very graciously picked me up out of sin, saved me, sanctified me, and gave me the Holy Ghost. I praise Him for grace to trust him with my body, though I am afflicted. I know Jesus heals. Will you pray God to heal me? I will give Him the glory if He will de-

liver me from the disease that is preying upon my body. I do want to live to honor God; I want His will wrought in my life.

I want to request every reader to pray one special prayer, that the Lord will provide a tent for us. Our hearts are burdened for the neglected places in the western part of the state, and it seems that there is no other way to get the gospel to these places, as there are no buildings we can use. There are so many calls for meetings; so many hungry hearts; so many precious souls who want salvation, and no way to get to them. Will each one who reads this pray a special prayer that God will supply this need? Time is precious; souls are dying; who will go to their rescue?

I am so thankful to God for all of His goodness to us. I praise Him for the Church of God, of which I am a member.

Your sister,
Mrs. W. S. Caruthers.

Notice!

The new meeting-house which we call Providence, near Solway, Tenn., is completed. We have been worshipping there for some time; but the dedicatory services will be conducted April 29, 1917, by Bro. J. F. Lee. The saints everywhere are invited to attend. We expect the presence of the Lord.

We recognize the hand of God in the erection of this house; and He is confirming the Word with signs following.

M. W. Letsinger.

Notice!

A brother in North Carolina desires to expend \$75 or \$100 in the purchase of a gospel tent, and evangelize in the State of South Carolina with some minister of the Church of God who will advance the balance for the tent.

For further information write J. C. Underwood, Seneca, S. C.

W. A. Walker.

At Rest.

Sister Roberson of Ft. Myers, Fla., has gone to be with Jesus. She was a faithful child of God, and was always ready to take her place in meetings and Sunday school.

How we miss her shining face and bright testimonies, but God doeth all things well. If we are faithful we will meet her again.

A Friend,
Mrs. H. B. Blanco.

Quinton, Ala.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to sound a note of praise to our great King for His mighty keeping power.

We have been in the way of holiness 7 years, and this morning finds us saved, sanctified and filled with the blessed Holy Ghost. Praise His name!

Jesus is our Physician, He never fails us. We have been healed of appendicitis, pellagra, bone-fellons and many other diseases. My husband was almost an invalid with indigestion, weighed one hundred and twenty-five pounds. But through the prayers of dear Mother Cotton the Lord healed him, and today he is a well man, weighing one hundred seventy pounds.

We praise God for the little Evangel that comes into our home every week. We hardly lay it aside until we have finished reading it.

May God bless you all.

Your sister,

Mrs. Mary Crow.

Clifty, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

The Lord sent brother M. S. Haynes to Crab Orchard, Tenn., to preach the gospel; I heard it, and counted the cost, paid the price, and God saved me, sanctified me, and gave me the Holy Ghost.

Some are falling by the wayside, but that does not discourage me, for it is only the fulfillment of the Bible. I expect to go all the way with Jesus regardless of what other people do.

Your sister,
Anna Steelson.

A Request.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to request the children of God everywhere, to pray that I may be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

I am not a member of any church, but I want the Holy Ghost. I want the power to overcome sin and Satan.

O. V. Wynn.

Notice!

A tent meeting is wanted at Perry, Fla. Any minister who can take a tent and conduct a meeting there, please write me at once.

W. S. Caruthers,
Wimauma, Fla.

CLUSTER ROLLS

For the Sunday Schools.

We have had a good many calls for these large picture rolls, so we have made arrangements so we can furnish them now at 75c each.

A. Tomlinson

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

Sacramento, Cal.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Dear Saints—Greeting in Jesus' Name:

Some time has passed since I last wrote to the Evangel. Often I think of the different ones, the dear saints, who have been such a blessing and comfort to me, and wonder where they are, and how God is dealing with them these days. And though the Evangel may I once more send greeting to them?

This morning, as I was reading and meditating on some of the deep things of God, how it stirred my heart and made me desire more than ever, to press forward for my Master; to stand firmly for Him in the face of the foe that is coming in on every side. The way is growing harder each day for the saints. The enemy is coming in full force upon us today.

When war with Germany shall be declared, which will without a doubt be soon, thousands of bright young men will be anxious to give themselves a sacrifice for their country. They will not hesitate to leave loved ones, mothers, fathers, brothers and sisters, and face the great guns. The bullets will pass by on every side, and yet they will not shrink from their duty. Oh what a lesson in these perilous times for God's children.

I am wondering if we are as courageous for our God, as men are for their country. Truly God has called us into this great battlefield, and the battle is getting hotter all the while, as we wrestle against principalities and powers.

I am wondering if we, too, will shoulder our guns and go forth in His Name till we win, even if some do have to fall on the battle field. Is God calling us to something that will cause us to leave father, mother, brother, sister, or some loved one, that is, to do something that will cause them to misunderstand us, and to perhaps walk in different paths, and we are not willing to leave them if necessary, and face the foe for Jesus? The time is surely here, when we need to have on the whole armor of God. Oh, praise God this morning for such wonder victory; for the peace which the world cannot take away! Wars, famines and pestilences may come, but that peace cannot be disturbed.

Jesus said (Matt. 24:6) "See that ye be not troubled, for all these things come to pass." Oh, I praise Him this

morning, for this wonderful salvation!

Some time ago, while in prayer and meditation, alone with God, in the secret chamber, the dear Lord gave me a vision. In an instant of time, I stood face to face with a dark, dense forest. As I sat there in my chair in one position, my spiritual sight could behold the earth behind and on each side, and I could see nothing but barren land. It looked as though even the grass had been burned off, and the earth was desolate. As I faced the forest the dear Lord said to me: "Are you willing to go through this for me?" I quickly answered: "Yes Lord." Then he showed me that the barren land meant that any other way that I should go would be barren for me. At that time I did not realize that it was any thing out of the ordinary I was to pass through, but since, God has really shown me its meaning as I am now entering into a very peculiar and hard place; a deeper separation from the world than ever before.

Oh, dear ones, it will surprise us when God gets through with us if we stand true to Him, how far even yet, from the complete separation. It means something to stand true in the face of a pleasure loving, unbelieving church, of which your own husband is pastor, and hold up these precious truths, but it must be done, everything else is barren. When God once leads us into these deep sweet truths, we must press forward, even though we must pass through forest after forest, where perhaps on every side is thorn bushes, and we may expect to have the thorns pierce us some times until we bleed. The sharp pebbles under our feet may make us tremble, and cause tear drops to fall from our eyes, but any other way will be barren.

I praise God this morning that the nine years I have been in this sweet way—this life with the abiding Comforter—I have never thought of giving up, or turning out of the way although forest after forest has been passed through, and many thorns, almost beyond endurance, have pierced me. Yet like Moses, I would rather endure affliction with the people of God, than enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Praise God!

I have never passed through a trial, that as I look back over the way, I am not delighted that God allowed me to pass through. Sometimes this frail body of mine

has almost gone down under the burdens, but God always appears on the scene just in time, and does not allow it to come harder than I can bear.

Oh it is so sweet to belong to Jesus, and allow Him to plan our lives for to have Him lay out our pathway and we just step right in. Praise His name!

Pray for me that I may be found faithful at His appearing.

Mrs. Bertie Harris.

Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.
Dear Editor and Evangel Readers—Greetings in the Name of Our King:

About seven years ago I joined the Methodist church, and became a regular attendant at Sunday School; but so far as any knowledge of experimental, heart-felt religion is concerned, I had absolutely none.

About nine months ago I attended a holiness meeting, which was the first with which I ever came in contact. I saw, very readily, that God was in the meeting; that the experience was real; and I wanted it; but did not want to do like others were doing in order to get it. I heard several sermons, and the Spirit kept knocking at the door of my heart until finally I went to the altar, and kept going, until I knew my sins were forgiven; until I knew I was sanctified; until I was conscious of the fact that the Holy Ghost was speaking through me in other tongues as at Pentecost. (Acts 2:4). It is needless to say that, now, I know something about salvation.

Please let us quit talking about our "persecutions;" we have none, to speak of; and none, compared to what we will have if we remain true servants of God.

We need to keep ourselves from foolish, frivolous, and worldly, conversations, and "watch unto prayer." Let us pray more and talk less, and let our lives be such as will cause people who know nothing about salvation, to become hungry for an experience like ours.

Your brother,
Earl Hamilton.

Trenton, Ark.
Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

The meeting conducted at this place by brother Dolihite, has just closed. Twelve were saved and sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost, fifteen were baptized in water and fifteen were added to the church.

Sunday was a good day.

Sunday night, we had the Lord's supper and feet washing. The altar was full of seekers. It was sad indeed, to hear old people confess that they had been members of the church for years, but had never been converted until last week.

I suppose the doctrine of sanctification had never been preached here until last August, when brother Dolihite, my husband and myself, came and conducted a meeting. The following December we came here to live, and have been having services whenever we could.

Yours for God and the advancement of His cause.

Willie Jefferies.

Belle View, Tenn.

Dear Bro. Tomlinson:

I am praising God for salvation that keeps me from sin. He has wonderfully saved me, sanctified me, and given me the baptism with the Holy Ghost, with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

I have been in the way of holiness for about four months, and the way gets brighter all the time.

I want all the saints to pray for me, that I may press on and do the whole will of God.

Your sister,
Josie Hale.

Assembly of Churches of God in Florida.

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Let us pray God for a gracious manifestation of His presence at this meeting.

2t Sam C. Perry.

The Campmeeting at Wimauma, Fla., will begin May 31, 1917, and continue ten days or longer.

J. W. Pitcher in charge.
4t Zeno C. Tharp, Clerk.

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